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SUBJECT: CERP 0002: VISIT TO CUBA OF PM MANLEY

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1. SUMMARY: PM MANLEY HAS RETURNED FROM HIS CUBAN VISIT FULL OF UNRESTRAINED PRAISE FOR HIS COMMUNIST NEIGHBOR AND SCORN FOR ANYONE WHO WOULD CRITICIZE THE CUBAN MODEL OR FIDEL CASTRO'S LEADERSHIP. TWO AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED, ONE CULTURAL AND ANOTHER ON ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION WHICH ESTABLISHES A JOINT JAMAICAN/CUBAN MIXED COMMISSION. MANLEY'S INVITATION TO THE CUBAN PREMIER TO VISIT JAMAICA WAS ACCEPTED, AND CASTRO SAYS HE WILL BE COMING NEXT YEAR. A LENGTHY JOINT COMMUNIQUE (REF B) WAS ISSUED WHICH
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CALLED FOR THIRD WORLD SOLIDARITY TO PROMOTE THE NIEO,

COMBAT IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, AND NEO-COLONIALISM, AND DECLARED CUBA AN INTEGRAL AND IMPORTANT MEMBER OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY. END SUMMARY.

2. A EUPHORIC MICHAEL MANLEY RETURNED TO JAMAICA AND TOLD A PNP AUDIENCE ASSEMBLED AT THE AIRPORT JULY 13 THAT "WHAT WE WERE ABLE TO SEE AFTER 16 YEARS OF HISTORY IS SOMETHING AMAZING. NO PEOPLE IN THE WORLD HAVE SUCH A FEELING OF HAPPINESS AND CONTENTMENT." THE PM DESCRIBED AS "VICIOUS, STUPID, AND IRRELEVANT" THE LIES THAT WERE TOLD ABOUT CUBA. THEY WERE DESIGNED TO DESTROY, AND WERE SPREAD BY STOOGES OF CERTAIN FORCES OF ECONOMIC IMPERIALISM IN THE WORLD.

3. LIKE CUBA, JAMAICA MUST NOW TAKE A SOCIALIST ROAD IN WHICH THERE WAS HARD WORK AND ONE IN WHICH THE PEOPLE WILL WANT TO WORK TO BUILD A NATION FOR THEMSELVES, SAID MR. MANLEY. HE WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT IN THIS PROCESS OF NATIONAL BUILDING THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR PEOPLE WHO WERE SEEKING PALACES AND WANTING TO BECOME MILLIONAIRES AND "INVITED THEM TO NOTE THAT THERE ARE DAILY FLIGHTS TO MIAMI WHERE THERE IS A DIFFERENT KIND OF SOCIETY IN WHICH THEY MIGHT FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE."

3. ADDRESSING A MASS RALLY IN HAVANA JULY 12 MANLEY DECLARED THAT ALTHOUGH JAMAICA TRIUMPHED OVER IMPERIALISM IN 1962, THE COUNTRY'S STRUGGLE AGAINST CAPITALISM AND NEO-COLONIALISM HAS JUST BEGUN. "THERE IS NO FUTURE FOR MANKIND UNDER INTERNATIONAL CAPITALISM."

4. A JOINT CUBAN/JAMAICAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION, THROUGH WHICH THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL COOPERATE ON ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC, AND TECHNICAL MATTERS, HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED UNDER THE ECONOMIC AGREEMENT SIGNED IN HAVANA. THE COMMISSION WILL MEET AT LEAST ONCE EACH YEAR ALTERNATELY IN CUBA AND JAMAICA, WITH THE FIRST MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER IN JAMAICA. A CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL AGREEMENT WAS ALSO SIGNED WHICH WILL PROVIDE FOR ORGANIZATION OF SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES, THE GRANTING OF SCHOLARSHIPS, THE EXCHANGE OF TECHNICIANS, RESEARCHERS AND CULTURAL GROUPS, ETC.

5. FOUR AREAS OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION ARE TO BE INITIATED AS A RESULT OF THE VISIT: FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT; ESTABLISHMENT OF SUGAR BY-PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES; AGRICULTURE; AND, TOURISM AND FOREIGN TRADE. IN REGARD TO FISHERIES, IT WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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AGREED THAT CUBA WOULD SEND TO JAMAICA SHORTLY A TEAM OF FISHING EXPERTS TO CONCLUDE ARRANGEMENTS TO TRAIN YOUNG JAMAICANS IN ALL ASPECTS OF FISHING. THE CUBAN EXPERTS WILL ALSO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITIES OF SETTING UP A JOINT PROJECT TO BUILD A FERRO-CEMENT BOAT OF MUCH LARGER DIMENSIONS THAN HERETO CONSTRUCTED, FOR FISHING OFF THE MEXICAN BANK. A NUMBER OF JAMAICAN TECHNICIANS ARE TO EXAMINE THE PRODUCTION IN CUBA OF PAPER FROM BAGASSE.

6. A RELEASE ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CASTRO/MANLEY TALKS STATED THAT THEY COVERED THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETING OF SUGAR, THE BELIZE INDEPENDENCE QUESTION, THE SELA, THE NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER, RECYCLING OF PETROL DOLLARS, AND THE LAW OF THE SEA. DURING AN IN-FLIGHT PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE WAY HOME, MANLEY TOLD REPORTERS THAT HIS TALKS WITH CASTRO, AS WELL AS THOSE HELD RECENTLY WITH MEXICAN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA, WERE ALL AIMED AT PREPARING FOR THE CONFERENCE DUE TO BE HELD IN LIMA, PERU IN SEPTEMBER ON A SUGAR MARKETING STRATEGY FOR THE REGION. THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF THE VISIT WAS VERY SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH APPEARED FOLLOWING FORBES BURNHAM'S TRIP TO HAVANA. HOWEVER, THERE WERE SOME NOTABLE DIFFERENCES IN THE MANLEY COMMUNIQUE: (A) THE U.S. WAS NOT EXPLICITLY IDENTIFIED BY NAME IN THE COMMUNIQUE ALTHOUGH IT IS IMPLICIT THROUGHOUT THAT THE US IS THE LEADING THREAT TO THE NON-ALIGNED AND SOCIALIST CAMP. (B) SELF DETERMINATION FOR PUERTO RICO IS MENTIONED BUT THE FORMULATION IS RATHER MILD AND AMBIGUOUS. (C) THE MANLEY COMMUNIQUE NOT ONLY CONDEMNS ALLENDE'S OVERTHROW, BUT IT SUPPORTS THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE CHILEAN PEOPLE AGAINST THE "REPRESSIVE FACIST REGIME OF AUGUSTO PINOCHET." (D) TREATMENT OF THE ARAB/ISRAELI DISPUTE IS MUCH MORE MUTED THAN IN THE BURNHAM COMMUNIQUE AND REITERATES THE CALL FOR STRICT OBSERVANCE OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242.

7. COMMENT: WITHOUT SAYING SO SPECIFICALLY, THERE IS IN MANLEY'S STATEMENTS IN CUBA AND ON RETURN, AND IN THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED, A RHETORICAL PRESUMPTION OF FUNDAMENTAL ANTAGONISM BETWEEN THE GOJ AND THE USG. THIS DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN EVIDENT, THOUGH MUTED, OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS AND HAS EMERGED MUCH MORE EXPLICITLY DURING THE CUBAN VISIT. THE PM'S STATEMENTS REFLECT A SENSE OF MORAL SUPERIORITY, HISTORICAL INEVITABILITY, AND A FEAR OF AN "IMPERIALISTIC" REACTION TO WHAT HE CONCEIVES TO BE HIS

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OWN "SOCIAL REVOLUTION" IN JAMAICA. IF, AS THE EMBASSY BELIEVES, MR. MANLEY ENCOUNTERS INCREASING FRUSTRATION IN ACHIEVING HIS SOCIALISTIC GOALS, LARGELY DUE TO HIS OWN MISMANAGEMENT OF THE ECONOMY, THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS STRIKING OUT AGAINST THE FOREIGN BOOGIE-MAN (READ USG) WILL BE COMMENSURATELY INCREASED.

8. MANLEY'S GUSHING EMBRACE OF CASTRO AND THE SOCIAL SYSTEM HE OVERSEES HAS HIS CONSERVATIVE CRITICS IN JAMAICA CRYING "I TOLD YOU SO" TO ANY WHO WILL LISTEN. THE EMBASSY SUSPECTS MANY WILL LISTEN AND ONE RESULT OF THE CUBA VISIT MIGHT BE THE STIMULATION OF FORMERLY PASSIVE MANLEY DOUBTERS INTO ACTIVE OPPONENTS.

9. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A COPY OF THE COMMUNIQUE AS RELEASED IN HAVANA JULY 13, IF AVAILABLE FROM FBIS OR ELSEWHERE. THE COMMUNIQUE WAS NOT RELEASED

LOCALLY UNTIL THE EVENING OF JULY 15, AND THE EMBASSY
WOULD LIKE TO DO A COMPARISON OF THE TWO TO SEE WHETHER
THE DELAY MIGHT HAVE BEEN ATTRIBUTABLE TO EDITING FOR
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